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	Examiner John D. Walters	Art Unit 3618	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.

2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-3 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) Claim(s) 1-3 is/are rejected.
7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on 20 April 2004 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a))

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1 – 3 have been examined.

Drawings

The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they do not include the following reference sign(s) mentioned in the description:

- “One round end 413” is recited on page 3, line 21 and not found within the figures.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either “Replacement Sheet” or “New Sheet” pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they include the following reference character(s) not mentioned in the description:

- reference number 412 is shown in figures 1 and 3 – 5 but is not recited within the specification.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d), or amendment to the specification to add the reference character(s) in the description in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(b) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1 – 3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Liang (6,305,698). Liang discloses a skating scooter comprising:

- a latch (Fig. 5, item 3551) having a ring secured at a center portion;

- pipes, i.e. as broadly interoperated, hollow, cylindrical openings (Fig. 5, items 312 and 313);
- wherein one pipe has a round end (Fig. 5, item 312);
- wherein said latch has one end formed with a knob while the other end is formed with a round corner, i.e. knob, wherein said round corner has a slanting surface (Fig. 6);
- an elastic element (Fig. 5, item 3552) sleeving onto said latch, wherein said element has two ends engaging one end of said barrel and said ring (Fig. 6);
- a barrel (Fig. 5, item 351) through which said latch is inserted;
- wherein said latch inserts from one end into said barrel and protrudes a portion from another end of said barrel and into holes, i.e. openings, of said pipes (Fig. 6).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1 – 3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Liang (6,305,698). Liang discloses a skating scooter comprising:

- a latch (Fig. 5, item 3551) having a ring secured at a center portion;
- a pipe, i.e. base member (Fig. 5, item 31) wherein one end is round;

- wherein said latch has one end formed with a knob while the other end is formed with a round corner, wherein said round corner has a slanting surface (Fig. 6);
- an elastic element (Fig. 5, item 3552) sleeving onto said latch, wherein said element has two ends engaging one end of said barrel and said ring (Fig. 6);
- a barrel (Fig. 5, item 351) through which said latch is inserted;
- wherein said latch inserts from one end into said barrel and protrudes a portion from another end of said barrel and into holes, i.e. openings, of said pipe (Fig. 6).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of applicant's invention to use two pipes or base members instead of one in order to distribute the force from the handle in a less focused manner on the riding board.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. McDaniel et al. (Re.23,495), Barnard (1,718,995), Severson (2,609,222), Swanson (4,699,406), Stuchinsky (5,593,192), Liau (6,102,452), Dominguez (6,126,211), and Ji et al. (6,299,223) disclose manually actuated spring loaded pins of note

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John D. Walters whose telephone number is (571) 272-8269. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 8am - 5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christopher Ellis can be reached on (571) 272-6914. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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